

## School Council Meeting – Minutes

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### 1.15pm Snack Bar

1 **Apologies** were received from Mr Buckland

2 **Updates**

- The council was informed that no changes to uniform policy would be made during this academic year. This was in response to the council raising questions over boots and cardigans at previous meetings.
- Mr Dawson thanked those students who had represented the school at the Penrith Partnership event at Penrith Library last week.
- Mr Dawson also thanked the members of the Student Leadership Team who had helped with the UKYP interviews last Monday.

3 The council were told that following interviews last week, that Jacob Reid (Year 9) and Gabriel Aston (Year 8) have been chosen to represent QEGS in the upcoming **UK Youth Parliament** elections. They will now attend a training day on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

4 Mr Dawson informed the council that following their work with '**Make Your Mark**', QEGS have been nominated for a Democracy Award. The school must now wait to see if they are successful.

5 The **catering committee** will meet before the next full council meeting to discuss food issues.

6 **Points from year groups**

Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asked for Snack Bar control to be looked at.</li><li>• Would like a greater consistency over the awarding of commendations between form groups.</li><li>• Reported that some subjects are still setting homework with a next day deadline.</li><li>• Would like more bag racks outside the canteen.</li></ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Would like to be able to enter the canteen with packed lunches without having to stand in the line. <i>Mr Dawson told them that the hall was available for those wishing to eat packed lunches.</i></li></ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reported that some popular menu items have been removed in the canteen.</li><li>• Would like the 'golden pass' to be brought back as a reward.</li><li>• Questioned why 'secret Santa' limits for form groups had been set so low. <i>RD responded.</i></li><li>• Suggested 'take out' boxes should be available in the canteen.</li><li>• Would like Dance Evening to be non-compulsory for girls PE groups.</li></ul>
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reported that some rooms in the main building remain very cold. Some music practice rooms, and some history rooms were a particular issue.</li></ul>
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asked again for the town pass limit to be considered in the commendations system. RD responded by saying a number of Y11s have now reached the limit, and that no change would be made.</li><li>• Are concerned at the level of paper wastage in some subject areas.</li><li>• Would like gravy to be offered in the canteen on 'chip days'.</li><li>• Also asked about the 'secret Santa' limit.</li><li>• Asked not to be reminded to take 'hoodies' off when they arrive at school. They only wear them to keep warm and will remove them ASAP on arrival.</li></ul>

Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reported a 'fly problem' in the Common Room bin.</li><li>• Said that the Sixth Form toilets need some attention.</li><li>• Reported graffiti on some science worktops.</li><li>• Would like the SMT to consider new laptops for science.</li></ul>
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7 Items for discussion at the next meeting

- Canteen Prices

8 AOB – None